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SUBJ: MONTHLY STATUS REPORT (JULY)

1. THE COUP BEGAN ON MONDAY THE 15TH AT APPROXIMATELY 0810 HOURS. THE GREEK NATIONAL GUARD RECEIVED VERY LITTLE RESISTANCE AND BY MIDDAY ON THE 16TH THEY WERE VIRTUALLY IN CONTROL. ON THE MORNING OF THE 20TH AT APPROXIMATELY 0500 HOURS THE TURKISH INVASION BEGAN. THE REST OF THE EVENTS HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN DOCUMENTED AT THE DEPARTMENT AND NEED NOT BE MENTIONED HERE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT A COMPLETE REVISION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY THE 29TH.

2. THE EMBASSY NOT IN DANGER AT ANY TIME. ALL OF THE DEPENDENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO EVACUATED TO BEIRUT.

3. USIS FACILITY IN AREA OF HEAVY FIGHTING DURING BOTH COUP AND INVASION, BUT NO DAMAGE INCURRED. ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIAL PRESENTLY STORED IN EMBASSY C&R.

4. FBIS EVACUATED AND KARAVAS AREA UNDER TURKISH CONTROL. NCOIC TOOK ALL WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WITH HIM. EMBASSY PRESENTLY TRYING TO DETERMINE STATUS OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL. UN FORCES INSPECTED EXTERIOR OF BUILDING ON 23 JULY AND FOUND EVERYTHING OKAY.

5. YEROLAKKOS STATION ALSO EVACUATED AND AREA IS UNDER TURKISH CONTROL. ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIAL DESTROYED PRIOR TO EVACUATION. SEE SEPTTEL ON PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOTH STATIONS.
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6. SURVEYS OF BOTH USIS AND EMBASSY COMPLETED AND IN PROCESS OF BEING
PUT IN FINAL FORM. NEEDLESS TO SAY, FURTHER DELAY CANNOT BE HELPED.
STATISTICS AND OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED AUGUST
REPORT.
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